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TAGS:CDES,ID (WOLCOTT, DON E.)

SUBJ: ESTATES: DISPOSITION OF EFFECTS

REF: STATE 227743; CHASE/BOSWELL CONSULTATION

1. FSO BOSWELL VISITED SCS FOR CONSULTATION OCTOBER 17 AND DISCUSSED THIS CASE. HE INDICATED THAT ACCORDING EMBASSY JAKARTA FILES SUBJECT DIED INTESTATE, AND EMBASSY HAS IMPRECISE INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE HEIRS, WHO INCLUDE TWO CHILDREN BY EARLIER MARRAIGE, AND HIS MOTHER. POSSIBLY HIS WIFE, NI NYOMAN PURI, WHO DIED IN SAME PLANE CRASH HAS RELATIVES IN INDONESIA WHO HAVE LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE ESTATE.

2. MRS. C. COLE, JR. IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS SPOKESPERSON FOR DECEDENT'S U.S. FAMILY. SHE STATES FAMILY DISAPPROVES EMBASSY SALE OF ITEMS WITHOUT FAMILY PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OR PERMISSION. (SEE 7 FAM 445.7-2) HAND-CARVED ROCKING CHAIR REPORTEDLY MADE IN KENTUCKY CONSIDERED HEIRLOOM; TALL CARVING OF INDONESIAN WOMAN OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO FAMILY. POST REQUESTED TAKE STEPS RECOVER THESE ITEMS FOR THE ESTATE.

3. POST'S ATTENTION DIRECTED 7 FAM 445.-5 AND 445.7-2 CONCERNING SALE OF EFFECTS. IN ANY SIMILAR CASES,
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DEPARTMENT WISHES POST MAKE GENEROUS USE 7 FAM 444.9

(REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION).

4. DEPARTMENT HAS NO EVIDENCE POST COMPILED WITH 7 FAM 445.4-1 (INVENTORYING AND APPRAISING EFFECTS TAKEN INTO POSSESSION).

5. DECEDENT REPORTEDLY DID LEAVE A WILL WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR PROBATE SOON IN A MICHIGAN COURT. ATTORNEY ROYCE BAUM, 17117 W. NINE MILE RD. 16TH FLOOR, SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN 48075. MRS. WOLCOTT, SR. ACTING ON BEHALF MRS. COLE AND ATTORNEY MAX R. ETTER, JR., 650 LINCOLN BUILDING, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, 99201 (TEL: 509-455-9770) INFORMED DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE THAT HE REPRESENTING DECEDENT'S TWO CHILDREN, JEFFRY AND KELLY. ATTORNEY BURCE WAITZ OF WAITZ, BRETZ & COLLINS, NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205 (TEL: 512-227-2316) REPRESENTING THE SECOND MRS. WOLCOTT FROM WHOM DECEDENT DIVORCED AFTER ARRIVAL INDONESIA. SECOND MRS. WOLCOTT WHO HAD THE WILL HAS AUTHORIZED MRS. WOLCOTT, THE MOTHER, TO SERVE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF ESTATE. MRS. COLE HAS ADDRESS OF NI NYOMAN PURI'S FAMILY.

6. RECOMMEND EMBASSY COMMUNICATE SOONEST WITH BAUM ETTER AND WAITZ TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE ON HEIRS AND GUIDANCE ON DISPOSITION OF ESTATE. BAUM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY CLAIM BY ANY OF DECEASED WIFE'S FAMILY. NOTIFY BAUM REGARDING THIS IMMEDIATELY.

7. POST REQUESTED KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED ALL PROCEEDINGS THIS CASE, AND ASSURES POST THAT DEPARTMENT STANDS READY TO ASSIST IF EXTRA GUIDANCE DEEMED WARRANTED. KISSINGER

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